

## TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

May 12, 2016

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Present : Leigh Raffaele, Connie Andershonis, Dawn Smith, Heather Hamilton, Robert Jewell, Elaine Drazek and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Joe Watters and Alison Lorentson

Also Present: Michael Misertino & Kathleen Todd

**Meeting Schedule:** Mrs. Fascenelli asked if a start time of 6:30 p.m. rather than 8:00 p.m. would be more suitable for Green Team members. All in attendance indicated that 6:30 p.m. was preferable. Mrs. Fascenelli will seek approval from the Township Committee at their next regular meeting.

**Recertification:** Mrs. Andershonis volunteered to work on the Community Asset Mapping action item.

**Carbon Footprint:** Most of 2015 data has been inputted. The Green Team is waiting for information from Mr. Ward (DPW Supervisor) regarding 2015 mileage. Mrs. Andershonis stated there is one electric account that requires some additional input.

**Backyard Composting Workshop:** Workshops are scheduled for July 9, 2016 and July 10, 2016. Event to be held at Pequest Natural Resource Center and Earthworms Plus will be the presenter. Mrs. Fascenelli received a draft copy of the flyer for review.

**Materials Reuse Program:** The April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup> Town Wide Yard Sale was successful. Some feedback was received indicating that hosting the event on Friday was very popular. Mrs. Smith stated the code worked out very well. A survey will be developed and forwarded to participants for their feedback. Unfortunately 1 or 2 of the larger signs are missing.

**Bag-It Program:** Mrs. Smith will present the bag-it video to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes of the Mansfield Elementary School on June 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. Reusable cloth bags are available as handouts.

**Watersense Showerheads:** A press release regarding the grant will be forthcoming. A flyer will be developed for distribution and sign up genus will also be available. Once a flyer is completed it will be available at the Township Municipal Building and will be posted on the Township web-site. Flyer will also be handed out during Senior Meetings and the monthly recycling depot. Mrs. Fascenelli suggested including an area on the flyer for residents to include their name, address, and contact information. Mrs. Fascenelli advised the WaterSense Partnership program (use of logo and guidelines) is under review.

**Operation Take Back:** On April 30, 2016 a total of 40 pounds of prescription and over the counter drugs were collected at Police Headquarters. The Police Department is working on having a permanent box at their location.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS:**

The Fundamentals of Earthworms & Waste-Reduction – July 9, 2016 – Pequest Natural Resource Center  
Vermiculture: The Art & Science of Home-Composting – July 10, 2016 – Pequest Natural Resource Center  
Free Town Wide Paper Shredding Event – October 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – 1710 Route 57

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli